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TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, UR, WB

SUBJECT: JULY 25 INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REF: USBERLIN 1457

1. FOLLOWING IS SELF-EXPLANATORY TEXT OF PROTEST  
DELIVERED INBASC AT 1730 JULY 25:

BEGIN TEXT:

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AT 1008 LOCAL TIME JULY 25 A SWING-WING FIGHTER AIRCRAFT GREATLY ENDANGERED AN ALLIED CIVILIAN PASSENGER AIRCRAFT THAT WAS FLYING ON A PROPERLY FILED INBOUND FLIGHT PLAN IN THE SOUTH CORRIDOR. AT A POINT ABOUT 35 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF TEMPELHOF CENTRAL AIRPORT, THIS FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, WITH ITS WHEELS LOWERED AND WINGS EXTENDED, MADE A HEAD-ON APPROACH TO A PAN AMERICAN BOEING 727 (FLIGHT NUMBER 684). THE TWO AIRCRAFT CONVERGED IN SUCH A DANGEROUS MANNER THAT THE PILOT OF THE PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT HAD TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION IN ORDER TO AVOID A COLLISION. THE WING TIPS OF THE TWO AIRCRAFT PASSED WITHIN 10-15 FEET OF EACH OTHER.

THE PILOT OF THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT VIOLATED QUADRIPARTITELY-ESTABLISHED RULES OF FLIGHT REQUIRING PILOTS OF ONCOMING AIRCRAFT TO ALTER THEIR COURSES TO THE RIGHT AT A DISTANCE OF NO LESS THAN 1500 FEET. THE PILOT OF THE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT ALSO VIOLATED THE PROVISION FORBIDDING THE OPERATION OF AN AIRCRAFT IN A NEGLIGENT AND RECKLESS MANNER SO AS TO ENDANGER LIFE AND PROPERTY.

MY AUTHORITIES HAD OCCASION AS RECENTLY AS MAY 5 TO PROTEST AN INCIDENT SIMILARLY INVOLVING RECKLESS FLYING AND ENDANGERING LARGE NUMBERS OF INNOCENT TRAVELLERS. MY AUTHORITIES PROTEST THIS LATEST RECKLESS ACTION AND INSIST THAT YOU BRING IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR AUTHORITIES, NOTING THAT IF DANGEROUS INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT CONTINUE THEY ARE BOUND TO LEAD TO A DISASTER. MY AUTHORITIES ALSO EXPECT THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS BE TAKEN FORTHWITH TO PREVENT SUCH DANGEROUS INCIDENTS AND THAT THE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.

THE FRENCH AND BRITISH CHIEF CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THIS STATEMENT.

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2. SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER UNAVAILABLE, ACCORDINGLY STATEMENT DELIVERED TO SOVIET DUTY CONTROLLER WHO RELAYED IT BY TELEPHONE TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

3. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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